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WILLIAM H. SCOTT, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Newly Elected Master of Kadosh,
New Bern Consistory No. 3

## REGULAR MEETING

NEW BERN LODGE OF PERFECTION NO. 6
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8:00 P.M.
— Refreshments —

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# SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. Pugh, 33°

We are now beginning the plunge into our activities leading up to the Spring Reunion, April 11, 12 and 13. We are fascinated with the title that has been given to this Reunion. It has been very appropriately designated as the "Operation: Let's go!" Reunion as a means of emphasizing as much as possible the Grand Commander's program which bears the same title. This theme involves one of great action, activity; it has a note of enthusiasm and keen interest. It denotes a desire on our part to proceed actively and enthusiastically with our efforts in furtherance of Scottish Rite ideals. Certainly the Grand Commander has selected a worthy theme for action and we are more than happy to follow in line with his program. In fact, we pledge our every effort to the end that the ideals which are inculcated in his program shall be made known to every member of our Scottish Rite Bodies.

During this forthcoming Reunion we are also going to honor one of our most beloved Masons, Brother Benjamin Franklin Gillikin, 33°. Brother Gillikin has given many years of service to the Scottish Rite; his service and loyalty and dedication have been his worthy attributes and we honor ourselves in paying tribute to him. The program in which he will be honored will be given during the Wednesday evening banquet hour.

With such an appeal as the forthcoming Reunion offers, therefore, we have every motivation to put our shoulders to the wheel and make this the greatest Reunion ever. If you are an officer of one of the Scottish Rite Clubs, if you are one of our Ambassadors, if you are a member of the Court of Honour, you are urged to concern yourself now with getting your plans organized for contacting prospects. Clubs should get their officers together and make plans for contacting the prospects in their area.

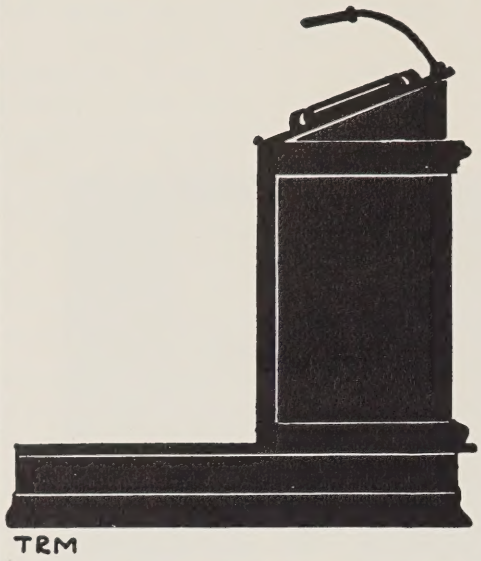
Together, Brethren, we can and we must make this Reunion one in which we can look upon with tremendous pride.

Sincerely yours,

*R. L. Pugh*

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°

## "Operation: Let's Go!" Reunion—April 11, 12 and 13




# From The Classroom

## BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We toss the words "*Happy New Year*" around so lightly at the turn of the year, without thinking much of what really makes a New Year or as far as that matter, "an old one", happy.

Here is the record of a celebration of a New Year that goes to the heart of the matter of lasting happiness. The bells were ringing in, not only a New Year but a New Century. A soldier in Cuba, years ago, was sitting down to write a letter to his wife. It was the first one he had been able to write after a very serious illness. This soldier was not an ordinary soldier, he was not high in rank but high in service. His name was Walter Reed. He had volunteered with four others to risk their lives by submitting to be exposed to "yellow fever" in order to see whether or not it was carried by mosquitos and whether or not it could be cured.

The experiment was a successful one. The carrier of yellow fever was discovered along with a cure. When Walter Reed wrote to his wife, he said, "The prayer which has been mine for twenty years has been that I might be permitted in some way to alleviate human suffering and help others, it has been granted."

This was the spirit that enabled Walter Reed to say "*Happy New Year*" and the spirit that made his name honored throughout the world.

"*Happy New Year*"—How do you mean it? Is it for others? The one underlying tenet of Scottish Masonry is "OTHERS". Change yourself so that you may, through your life, change others. Everything in Scottish Masonry has reference to God, your neighbor and your self. Without God, it would not have real meaning, for through that medium, we think of others.

Some people base their faith on things that can actually be demonstrated, that can be seen. To them knowledge is the beginning and the end of everything. But you know God can cause us to do a lot of strange things. He can cause us to go the extra mile.

We do not understand everything about electricity, televisions, computers, etc., yet we use them, enjoy them and pass it on to others. Scottish Rite Masonry, like a wise mother, prefers to teach others by influence, atmosphere, and by Faith.

Scottish Masonry causes one to think. To think of himself, then it leads to others. What better way is there for one to live? It has often been said that "Service" is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy, while going through this life of ours.

What do you mean when you say "*Happy New Year*"? A Happy New Year should be one that lifts our eyes upward, then outward to others, for we ennoble our own daily living when we practice it on others. Who else then is there left to practice on? "No man is an island", we were placed here together, not as dumb animals, but with a purpose. This reaches its full meaning when we say to others, Merry Christmas - *Happy New Year!*

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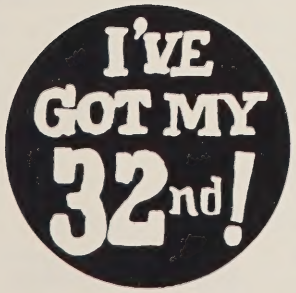


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# Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

Much has been said and written on the subject of "Today". I'm sure the Bag and I have used several versions or arrangements that have passed into our hands. Well, here are a few lines of another's thoughts on the subject. The thoughts seem just a bit different. So, here it is —

TODAY

The best thing you have in this world is Today.

Today is your savior; it is often crucified between two thieves, Yesterday and Tomorrow.

Most of our misery is left over from yesterday or borrowed from Tomorrow.

Today is yours. God has given it to you. All your Yesterdays He has taken back. All your Tomorrows are still in His hands.

Today is yours. Use it so that at its close you can say:

"I have lived, and loved, Today!"

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A well ordered life is like climbing a tower; the view halfway up is better than the view from the base, and it steadily becomes finer as the horizon expands.

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Gossips were running people down long before the automobile was invented.

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The motor of an airplane conked out and the pilot had to parachute to safety. On the way down he met a little old woman going up.

"Lady," he called out, "On your way up, have you seen an airplane on the way down?"

"Why, no," she replied, "but on your way down, have you seen a gas stove that was going up?"

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Money doesn't go as far these days, but it surely goes a lot faster.

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Leisure is a beautiful garment but it will not do for constant wear.

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An elderly woman happened to drop into a museum which was showing abstract paintings. "What does that represent?" she asked the guard.

"That's the painter," he said.

"And who or what does that represent?" pointing to another.

"The painter's wife," came the reply.

"Well," she concluded, "I hope they're not planning to have children."

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Boy to mother: "You never mention the dirt I track OUT."

Some parents treat you like one of the family. Others use better manners than that.

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Jean had been naughty and had been sent to the den to think things over. After awhile she came out with smiles all over and said:

"I thought and I prayed."

"Fine," said her mother." "That will help you to be good."

"Oh, I didn't ask God to help me be good," replied the child, "I just asked Him to help you to put up with me."

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God's delay does not mean God's denial.

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Now, Brethren, the Bag and I will join the crowd and pass on a word from Flip Wilson.

The comedian was asked why he selected a bulldog as a present for his children. He explained, "So they would see that ugly face and discover all the love behind it — and not take everything at face value in the future."

Makes sense, dosen't it?

Your piper,
Paul Stevens

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# Masonry Hails Vanceboro Dedication

Masons in North Carolina can be justifiably proud of the new Masonic Temple in Vanceboro which now becomes the home of Vanceboro Lodge No. 433 and which was dedicated on Saturday evening, January 8, 1972 at 7:00 o'clock when the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother William W. Mims, Jr., headed a large delegation of Grand Lodge Officers and other visitors for the ceremony of dedication.

This Temple originally served as a small auditorium for the Vanceboro Elementary School, but later was converted to classroom purposes for the kindergarten and primary children. The school was abandoned for public school purposes and the entire site was put up for sale at auction.

The Vanceboro Masonic Brethren had been longing many years for an opportunity to vacate their two story frame structure which had been their Masonic home for many years and which had long since ceased to serve a worthy purpose. Under the leadership of their Master, Worshipful Brother James Carson Mills, and a few of their Past Masters they now saw an opportunity to accomplish their desires. When the property was placed in line for sale, the Lodge bought it in without any opposition. Subsequently they disposed of that part of the building on which the school building was located by making it available to the town of Vanceboro for municipal purposes. The Lodge retained that portion on which the auditorium was located and immediately began their plans for renovating it into a Masonic Temple.

The fantastic results they achieved are much more impressive to those who beheld the building in its original condition, but these results were achieved after many long and patient hours of labor contributed by the members of the Lodge themselves, and also assisted by the ladies. The story of their accomplishment is a record of sacrificial efforts involving a labor of love. The members worked at night, sometimes to the wee small hours of the night, but they were exceedingly happy in doing so. The finished product is a fitting testimonial to their ambitions and desires as well as to their contribution of hours of labor and materials.

The building is divided into two large portions, the first of which as one enters the main door is utilized for social purposes. This area has been completely beautified and adequate kitchen and dining facilities have been installed. Air conditioning and heat are also included in the renovations. Leaving the social room one enters the Lodge room which has been beautifully paneled giving it a dignified and solemn appearance. The room has been carpeted with soft blue carpet; new furniture has been installed, most of whch was expertly made by the members themselves.

Perhaps the greatest thrill to the visitor the evening of the dedication was the expression of joy and satisfaction on the faces of the members and their wives as they proudly told of the many sacrificial efforts that were exerted in making the new Temple possible. That they were exceedingly proud of their work was obvious to everyone. Beyond that, however, the visitors joined in expressions of pride as they beheld the marvelous transformation that had been made.

Officers of the Lodge who served during 1971 and who contributed so generously in time, materials and money are as follows:

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| Master | James C. Mills |
| Senior Warden | John H. Lilly |
| Junior Warden | Garland E. Taylor |
| Treasurer | Ralph C. Hill |
| Secretary | Allen B. Bland |
| Senior Deacon | Glasgow S. Bland |
| Junior Deacon | Cecil Alcox |
| Senior Steward | Jerry Dixon |
| Junior Steward | R. J. Dixon |
| Chaplain | Carlton W. Bland |
| Tyler | Hubert C. Lilly |

The Trustees are the following:
Jerry T. Whitford
A. F. Wood
C. E. Neal

The Grand Master was assisted in the dedication ceremony by a number of Grand Lodge officers who were present for the occasion and a number of the local Brethren who were assigned to various stations and places in the Grand Lodge ceremony. These brethren performed their various parts with accuracy and with a tremendous amount of zeal and interest and are to be commended for the manner in which they participated in the ceremony.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, the public was invited into the Lodge room where the ceremony of dedication was conducted. The Grand Lodge officers and all visitors were extended a word of welcome by Robert L. Pugh, Past Grand Master, following which Worshipful James Carson Mills, Master of Vanceboro Lodge No. 433, requested the Grand Master to dedicate the Temple. The working tools of the architect were presented by Worshipful Jerry T. Whitford, Past Master, and the Grand Master then proceeded with the dedicatory service.

Following the dedication the visitors retired to the banquet hall where a delightful social hour followed with a bountiful supply of refreshments made available by the ladies of the Eastern Star and served by them.

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# Bill Scott – New Master of Kadosh

William Henry Scott, 32°, K.C.C.H., who has just been elected to serve as the Master of Kadosh in the New Bern Consistory No. 3, is one of our most faithful members. Bill has been a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry ever since April 27, 1924 when he was created a 32° Mason.

He began immediately to work in the Scottish Rite always assisting faithfully in whatever role that might be assigned to him. Because of his loyalty to the Scottish Rite the Supreme Council on October 20, 1969 saw fit to elect him to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour upon recommendation of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina, Ill. James G. Johnston, 33°.

Bill is also and has always been active in symbolic Masonry. He served in the various line places and stations in Doric Lodge No. 568 and was subsequently elected to serve as its Master. That was a good year for Doric Lodge and Bill led its activities in a masterful manner. In recent years he has been serving as Treasurer of Doric Lodge.

Bill's service in the Scottish Rite has also found expression in the Building Committee's activities. For several years Bill has been a very active member of the Building Committee and always has expressed a keen concern for continued improvements in the appearance of the Temple.

Our Brother has also been active in the Shrine of Sudan Temple, having served on its Patrol for a number of years, and in recent years was elected by his fellow Nobles of the Patrol to serve as its Captain.

He has been a life-time member of the United Methodist Church.

Bill and his equally faithful wife, Doris, have made an excellent team in serving all of the organizations which use the Scottish Rite Temple as their place of meeting.

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We have too many people who live without working, and we have altogether too many who work without living.

# YOUR BLUE LODGE

By the way, how long has it been since YOU sat in BLUE LODGE with your brethren? It's your Lodge, you know, you became a member of your own free will and accord, you look to the officers to be on hand to open and close each stated communication, and to visit the sick, and call on the bereaved. You really ought to visit the Lodge once in a while and sit on the sidelines or maybe you are one of the long-lost brethren who is entitled to sit in the East. Whichever you are, the officers are entitled to the support many of you are not giving them. GO TO THE NEXT MEETING, stay to the end and hear, and heed, the Master's benediction as he closes Lodge. You'll be glad you went.

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# DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

It is obvious that most television commercials are based on the assumption that TV viewers are unanimously stupid.

We are shown two glasses of liquid into which are dipped articles purported to be similar or identical to those we customarily clean and, presto! one appears cleaner than the other. Because of this magical result we are assured that the sponsor's product in glass "A" is infinitely superior to the other "well-known brand" in glass "B". Actually, so far as the viewer knows one glass could be filled with sea water and the other with apple cider, and degrees of cleaning we seemed to see could have been wrought by temperature variations, by chemical additives, or by any of several dozen other things. Or, of course, it is possible the presentation was factual.

One of the most boring commercials I've seen lately is the one where they use a chain saw and other implements to remove a coating of ice from a car and then start the engine. We are told that the car has been frozen in ice for umpteen hours and that the reason it fires up so readily is that the tank is filled with the sponsor's gasoline. This may all be true but, so far as evidence is concerned, it could also be just so much hogwash. It could be that the engine has been preheated, that there is rocket fuel and kickapoo joy juice in the gas tank, and that the engine you hear running is the water pump at the second vice-president's hunting lodge.

Such commercials could be true, or they could be farcical. The point is — they are alleged to prove all sorts of things and they don't prove anything.

Still on TV—you read and hear a whole lot about doctor shortages all over the country. I recently found out where all the doctors are—they are all tied up on TV soap operas.

Mary Frances watches some of those soap operas and each time I go through the den when she's watching 'em there always seems to be some situation involving one or more doctors. The soap operas have more doctors than a cowboy picture has steers. I reckon about half their scenes must be shot in hospitals.

And speaking of hospitals . . . Mary Frances recently spent a few days having some tests run in one of North Carolina's major hospitals. When I checked her in the lady at the desk told me the room would cost seventy-six dollars a day and offered me some smelling salts. I didn't faint, though, I had recently read how much it cost to put a man on the moon so I was temporarily immunized against shock.

We got up to the room—I was sort of expecting a suite—and I looked around for something to justify the seventy-six dollars. The only thing I saw out of the ordinary was a fancy faucet at the end of a movable pipe. I asked the nurse if this was a champagne dispenser and she said no, it was a gadget for washing bedpans. Surely, there must be a cheaper way to wash 'em.

I never did find out how to latch on to a parking space around that hospital. It seems like out of thousands of cars that at least one of 'em would need to be moved once in a while, but they all sat right there all day every day. I burned more gas in parking lots than I did on highways, and in five days I found just two parking spaces—each of them about a mile from the hospital.

Once inside the hospital the first thing I'd do was get lost. What with hunting parking spaces and getting lost in the hospital I probably spent about five minutes a day visiting Mary Frances.

I wasn't the only person getting lost. Most of the other folks visiting there

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were like me, just plain country, and all over that place you'd see people wandering around trying to look like they knew where they were going and you could tell all the time that they didn't.

Once I saw this fellow heading for a door at the end of a corridor and I knew he wasn't going to get any satisfaction there—I had just tried it and it was a laundry room. I watched to see what his reaction would be and I'll be darned if he wasn't equal to the occasion. He opened that door, looked in, then walked over and picked up some sheets and seemed happy that they were so handy. He headed back down the hall and I was just about to decide that maybe he worked there after all when I saw him stop at an open broom closet, look all around to see if anybody was watching, unload those sheets and take off like a startled rabbit. He was a cool one.

One night I got so lost I just decided to turn my self in to lost-and-found and hope for the best. So I asked a nurse how to get to the main lobby and she told me and I wound up in X-ray.

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## "From Up The Neuse"

by John D. Charlton, 32°

Light! We all called for it, but did we receive it? This question must be continually asked and answered by each of us each day, if darkness is to be overcome. None should be more uniquely prepared to cast rays of light into the darkness of life than Masons who have truly received the light. The great degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry were developed to increase the intensity of our Masonic

JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°,
Kinston, N. C.

light; so that each day as we go about our daily walks of life we may use it to bring light into the lives of all we touch. How our light shines will depend solely on the time we give to developing its intensity. This is accomplished by participation in the work of the Rite, reading, study, and conservation with those well versed in your subject of interest. However, as it is written in the "Great Light" you must open the shutters of your life if the light you obtain is to do good for your fellow man. As He commanded, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matt. 5:16)." How pleasing it would be to Him if by our daily actions all men say of us — truly there walks a man of God.

## Tolerance

The most lovable quality that any human being can possess is Tolerance.

It is the vision that enables one to see things from another's viewpoint.

It is the generosity that concedes to others the right to their own opinions and their own particulars.

It is the bigness that enables us to let people be happy in their own way instead of our own way.

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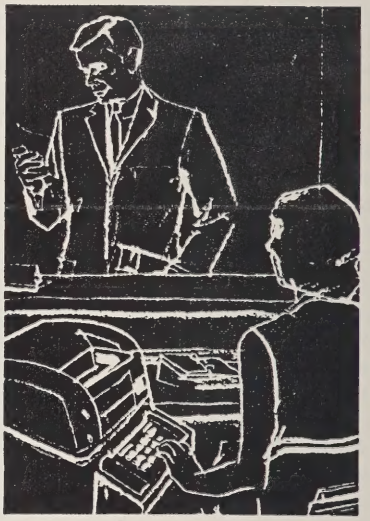

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# "With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

## NO HIDING PLACE DOWN HERE!

The true symbol of this age is a question mark! We live in an age when the problems multiply faster than we solve them. There is a widespread interest in life; but, it is a wary, critical kind of interest which is analytical and impersonal. Proof is demanded at every stage. The attitude of many is a kind of defensive one. It is a "you can't catch me!" kind of attitude. We find people hiding behind the doubts and subscribing to movements of force which are contrary to the real teachings of abundant life.

Speak to some men about truth and the question comes ringing back to you, "What is truth?" This is not the question of a serious seeker after truth. It is a flippant, irresponsible, scoff and jeer at the idea of trust being of any practical value. It represents a standpoint typical of the age that produced it. Its significance lies in the fact that it's not merely a personal attitude; but, expresses the spirit of an age. We have all met people who have been made cynical by their experiences and bittered by life's disillusionments—people who have become rebellious in spirit, and have mocked and ridiculed the ideals which they once cherished, because those ideals seemed to have failed them. But, we have a different problem on our hands. This scoffing and jeering at truth has a deeper root altogether. It rises from a morally diseased and degraded mentality and a corrupt age. When we think of it, we are reminded of the occasional bubble of poisonous gas riding to the surface of some putrid pond, revealing the rotteness beneath its putrid waters!

Its source is not reaction to some hard and difficult experience in life; but, a corrupt condition of soul and spirit pervading the world. We have been greatly shocked by the attacks on idealism which seeks to undermine its worth, values, and authority. The things upon which Western Civilization has been built are challenged by a profane spirit that most of us believed was dead and by a degraded interpretation of human life which we thought human progress had completely annihilated.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Moral rectitude and honor, spiritual graces and virtues, which for generations we have cultivated, are cast aside as worthless—the badge and sign of degeneracy. We are challenged to justify and maintain fundamentals of civilization, freedom, justice, equality, and truth. The challenge is not reactionary. It is mortal. We are at grips with the past, armed with its pernitious, perilous, and daggerously destructive weapons. For a lot of people, truth is something about which the philosophers argue, but useless today! Men's minds are often set, not on truth, but political necessity. Political necessity alone is the supreme consideration for too many people. Everything must be subordinated to it. It controls the definition of justice and determines propaganda. Truth to these people has no intrinsic value. If a lie serves their purpose better, they repudiate the claims of truth and justify their repudiation by political necessity.

We have watched the dethronement of reason and the enthronement of experiency in our midst. Men are now saying that they will wait no longer for groups and councils to work together. This policy is in line because men are attempting to

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hide behind their doubts. They now assert that the marks of a strong, virile, cause is force. The world is back again in the position where men believe falsehood offers better returns than truth! that expediency is mightier than love, conciliation, and reason. We are at the crossroads of decision and destiny. Which way the pendulum will swing is not known at present.

I think we can best get to the answers to our great problems when we answer the question honestly, "What is the nature of life's order?" Everything depends on that answer. If there is no moral order, no spiritual world wherein there is power . . . if there is no answer to be found in the way of sanely approaching our differences . . . then we might believe that falsehood is better than truth—experience as powerful as principle; that the law of the jungle is better than the law of the land. If our life is bound up in a divine order—then truth, justice, love, understanding and patience are all-powerful. They cannot be successfully challenged; they cannot be overthrown. This is a fact of history and experience. These deep-seated and moral convictions and principles are dynamic. They are not passive or vindictive. That word needs to be heard in our crises which face us today.

I am convinced that many people today are trying to hide behind their doubts. They are evading the real issues by their mental perplexities and moral reservations being used as excuses. It is so much easier to discuss morals than to live them! The "kingdom" does not come by throwing stones, boycotts, torches, or any form of force. It comes only by individuals walking in the True Light. I do not promise easy solutions to our problems, nor that all doubts will be laid to rest, or that we shall understand all we would like to know. But, we can find the joy and peace of God which the world cannot take away. We will find the truth that will set all men free. Besides this there is no freedom . . . despite laws and governmental edicts. Walk in the light you have and more light will certainly come.

## Degree Structure

*Are Scottish Rite degrees considered "higher" than other Masonic degrees?*

The Scottish Rite shares the belief of all Masonic organizations that there is no higher degree than that of Master Mason. The Supreme Council and its subordinate bodies acknowledge the Masonic supremacy of Symbolic Grand Lodges, and the Grand Master of Masons is recognized as the ranking Masonic officer present when in attendance at any Scottish Rite Meeting.

Our degrees are in addition to and in no way "higher" than Blue Lodge degrees. Scottish Rite work amplifies and elaborates on the lessons of the Craft.

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# Your Prospect Needs To Know

To introduce your prospect to some of the fundamental principles upon which the Scottish Rite is based we are providing here a copy of a letter which is in widespread use among our Brethren as they contact their various propects. Present this article to your own prospect and talk it over with him. The letter follows:

My dear Brother:

There comes a time in every man's life when he must take an inventory of himself. Why is he really here? What must he try to do and wherein can he get the most out of this life that is given to him? There is one settled fact to begin with, namely, we will never get out of this life alive. Each of us has certain responsibilities to himself and to his loved ones, and to that multitude of people who live around him. In considering these things, we must choose between one of two avenues of thought. Some men base their belief only on those things that they can see demonstrated before their very eyes. To them knowledge is the beginning and the end of everything. Faith has no place in their plans; it is only for the mystic.

However, those same individuals would not refuse electricity; they love their radios and TV. They never stop to think and honestly wonder how or why. So it is with man's faith. This strange power cannot be analyzed by the human mind, but those who have used it and have enjoyed its many blessings do not need to have it dissected or taken apart for their eyes to see.

My belief in Scottish Masonry is mine; it belongs to me. I cannot really pass it on to another. Each person must develop his own system of morals as he reads, attends the reunions, and takes part in its many activities. To me, Scottish Masonry contains the most beautiful system of morals of any movement, save our church.

Because we cannot get out of this life alive, it is most important in these troubled times, that men learn to think. This involves faith. We must believe in God, we must believe in ourselves, and in what we can mean to others round about us. I shall never believe that God's plan of creation was for us to do nothing, to be of no value to anyone, simply to exist and pass on unnoticed into the great beyond.

Scottish Masonry, like a loving and wise mother, prefers to teach by influence and atmosphere and by means of a spirit which seems to infiltrate those in its presence. It seems to grow within you, it never drives you, neither does it intrude. It is a matter of gentle persuasion. All that Scottish Masonry requires is that we express a belief in God. It does not require that we analyze these thoughts. It simply lays them before us with words and actions. We are left to choose the path we wish to follow.

No man can put such a belief in words, nor does Scottish Rite Masonry ask him to do so. All that it seeks to ask is, simply and humbly, "in whom do you put your trust," and then it shows us the way to find the basis of that trust. Scottish Masonry asks you to think, to consider yourself and what you can be and can mean to others. It does this, because it is a fact that we will never get out of this life alive.

Scottish Rite Masonry teaches men the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Then it shows that it is impossible to enjoy life at its best without both of these foundation stones. Scottish Masonry believes that people can live together in the same world with peace and harmony, even with different ideals and different ideas. It shows one how he can make room in the same world for others, by creating a place in his life that only others can fill.

Yes, I believe that Scottish Masonry raises our eyes upward and inward, so that we cannot help but see God and Man. I believe that the world is challenging all of us to reaffirm our faith in Masonry, in God, and in ourselves. I believe that Scottish Masonry can help us in our daily relations with man by teaching us how to live. I believe this because I have seen it tried and tested in times of stress and strain.

Thus, I know that Scottish Masonry is one of the most beautiful systems of morals on earth. I am glad that I am a small part of that great moment, and I am proud to pass it on to others.

May I discuss this further with you? Please give me a call.

Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary

# Time to Pray

I got up early this morning
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't take time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier came each task,
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered;
He answered, "You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty
But the day toiled on, grey and bleak
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence
I used all my keys at the lock—
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, why didn't you knock?"
I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I *Had* to take time to pray.

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# My Opinion of Freemasonry

The following was awarded fourth prize in the Essay Contest sponsored by the Past Masters' Association of Manitoba.

To be a Mason is to belong to one of the finest organizations in the world. Masonry today has a history, a literature, and a philosophy, and its lessons are veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. If we only draw aside that veil we can, if we wish, become acquainted with all its mysteries. Hence our fraternity is a craft, and a craft is more than an order, because it inculcates and teaches a mystery which reveals the great principles of Freemasonry.

One of the great principles or purposes of our Craft is that of the building of men of character; building of men who are willing to remember the loneliness and weakness of those who are growing old; building of men who are willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; building of men who are willing to carry the principles of Masonry out of the Lodge room and spread and apply them throughout their business dealings.

This is my opinion of Masonry, and this is only part of what Masonry really is. Hence the only constructive change in Masonry to be thought of is not in the form of the Constitution or ritual, but in the attitude of each and every member — a rededication or resolve to take another serious look at the principles of Freemasonry.

It is not enough for the applicant to affirm his belief in God, he must really mean it. It is not enough for the Initiate to say, "I place my trust in God," he must have a deep and abiding faith in the Grand Architect of the Universe. It is not enough for the candidate to repeat, "I solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God," but he must have a sincere sense of the spiritual meaning of the value of that obligation. It is not enough for us Freemasons merely to subscribe to our moral teachings in the Lodge, we must practice that teaching outside our Lodge room in every-day life.

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| | | *1972 Estimated Income* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 400 | Initiations | $ 37,000.00 | |
| 110 | Dues | 78,000.00 | |
| 403 | Rent (Eastern Star, White Shrine, Doric, Berne) | 1,600.00 | |
| 404 | Interest | 4,560.36 | |
| 408 | Bagpipe | 4,200.00 | |
| | | $125,360.36 | |
| | | *1972 Estimated Expenditures* | |
| 600-A | Supreme Council | $ 9,000.00 | $ 9,000.00 |
| 600-B | Bagpipe | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| | *Administrative* | | |
| 601-A | Salary - Secretary | 8,883.00 | |
| 601-B | Salaries - Clerical | 13,311.69 | |
| 601-C | Salaries - Other | 945.00 | |
| 601-D | Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies | 2,500.00 | |
| 601-E | Telephone, Telegraph, Postage | 4,400.00 | |
| 601-F | Heat, Lights and Water | 6,000.00 | |
| 601-G | Insurance | 3,786.00 | |
| 601-H | Taxes (City & County, Unempl., State & Fed. Employer's S.S.) | 2,431.41 | |
| 601-I | Audit | 440.00 | |
| 601-K | Laundry | 400.00 | |
| 601-L | Robes & Sundry | 2,500.00 | |
| 601-N | Stage Equipment and Supplies | 500.00 | |
| 601-O | Repairs & Maintenance Office Equipment | 2,200.00 | |
| | | $ 48,297.10 | $ 48,297.10 |
| | *Reunions* | | |
| 603-S | Spring | $ 6,800.00 | |
| 603-F | Fall | 6,000.00 | |
| 603-L | Ladies' Entertainment | 625.00 | |
| | | $ 13,425.00 | $ 13,425.00 |
| | *Activities* | | |
| 604-A | Pre-Reunion (Small Parties) | $ 1,800.00 | |
| 604-B | Ladies' Night Parties | 7,400.00 | |
| 604-C | Easter Services | 700.00 | |
| 604-D | Meeting Night Refreshments | 300.00 | |
| | | $ 10,200.00 | $ 10,200.00 |
| | *Charity - Donations* | | |
| 605-B | Memorials | $ 500.00 | |
| 605-C | Donations | 650.00 | |
| 605-D | Americanism Fund | 400.00 | |
| | | $ 1,550.00 | 1,550.00 |
| | *Travel* | | |
| 606-B | Miscellaneous | 300.00 | |
| 606-C | Secretary | 2,400.00 | |
| | | $ 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 |
| 608-A | Promotional | $ 1,100.00 | $ 1,100.00 |
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| 613-G | Tiler | $ 50.00 | |
| 613-J | Elevator Service | 100.00 | |
| 613-I | Retirement Fund | 2,000.00 | |
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| | | $ 2,650.00 | 2,650.00 |

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| *Building Expense* | | | |
| 613-A | Janitor's Salary | $ 4,458.09 | |
| 613-B | Cleaning Building | 1,800.00 | |
| 613-C | Janitorial Supplies | 875.00 | |
| 613-E | Repairs & Maintenance | 6,225.17 | |
| 613-F | Exterminator Service | 150.00 | |
| 613-M | Light Bulbs | 75.00 | |
| | | $ 13,583.26 | 13.583.26 |
| 701 | Kitchen Utensils & Equipment | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| | Reserve Fund | $ 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| | GRAND TOTAL | | $125,360.36 |

# SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

## Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting Monday night, Jan. 3, 1972. A delicious seafood dinner was enjoyed by all present.

Our fall reunion is now history, but to me it was one of our most successful ones. As I observed the presentation of the several degrees, I had the feeling that I was watching the history of man being developed from its beginning through Ancient, European, and American experience. The loyalty of and dedication of the many Brethren, make the great teaching, and principles of Freemasonry come alive in the minds and hearts of those who watch.

Viewing these great teachings and experiences of the ages, in the light of the turbulent times in which we live, I was reminded that, this is not the only time man's destiny looked dark and stormy. In an age when Men's liberties were threatened by political and spiritual despotism, Freemasonry strove for religious freedom and all the freedoms which advance the dignity of mankind.

The revival of Masonry in that first Grand Lodge of England in 1717 becomes the more remarkable when viewed in the setting of the age. For those were times marked by moral lassitude, when even the Church was powerless to cope with the cynical indifference at hand; politics was hopelessly corrupt; the home life of the people declining.

It was out of these conditions that modern Masonry arose. Three great philosophers of the Seventeenth Century, Sir Francis Bacon, Sir Isaac Newton, and John Locke, are but the forerunners of other great minds whose liberal ideas advanced the cause of humanity in the modern world.

It fell to one of the earliest Freemasons of France in the Age of Reason to contribute a very practical device of government which the Constitution makers of 1787 seized upon with eagerness. This Masonic leader was the French nobleman, Baron de Montesquieu, whose famous book, The Spirit of Laws, had long been studied by many of the leading delegates before the Convention ever met.

Before the turn of events threatened the liberties of man in our own country, the signal fires had been lighted by Locke, Montesquieu, Voltaire, and other great minds active in the liberation of their fellowmen from the yoke of bondage. They had all found a friend in the masonic Order.

Brother George Washington was made a Mason in 1752, and became our first President, and the father of our country. He rendered three distinct services to this country, any of which would have insured him immortality as one of the founding fathers of the Republic. First of all, as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, he was able to give the exact type of leadership which the situation demanded and which Washington so superbly supplied.

However, Washington's greatest contribution as a leader was, the force of his character, his faith in the American cause, his unswerving confidence in the support of Almighty God, and his genius for handling men.

By the confidence and respect of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention for Washington, the Colonies were united upon a solid foundation which resulted in the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

In this uncertain hour of man's history with the ancient theory of despotism abroad in the world, the defense of peace and freedom and sanity rests upon those institutions which from time immemorial have been the guardians of man's better nature.

Scottish Rite Masonry is such an institution. This venerable order throughout the ages has sought to promote liberty and amity on earth. When sinister forces have struck at the dignity of man, the influence of Masonry in thwarting these dark forces has been decisive.

The work of our heroic Masonic forefathers who shaped the Constitution is not finished, nor has the hour arrived in American history for a new philosophy of political life. Freemasonry helped to create our Constitution, Freemasonry must help to preserve it.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

## Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, January 9, 1972, at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St.

A charcoal-steak cookout was enjoyed by all 38 members present and their ladies. Each member brought the steak of their choice and did their own charcoaling. Harmon Davis and Jack Tripp with their wives, were hosts and prepared the extras. The Barry L. Gutfelds and the J. Fred Fordhams were welcomed as new members. Barry became a 32 degree Mason in New Bern during the Scottish Rite Reunion in the Fall of 1971. He is a

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President Jack Tripp gave the invocation, supper was served at 6:30. A social hour followed the meal, after which the men retired for a short business meeting.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. A discussion of finance, including dues and money-raising projects, also programs and committee appointments, with no decisions being made.

Announcement was made of the Spring Reunion on April 11, 12 and 13th in New Bern and each member was asked to start now to enlist candidates.

Julian Vann and Edward Ray Edwards volunteered to be hosts of the February 6th meeting which will be held at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St.

Ashley G. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H.

## Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club met at the Town & Country in Williamston, Wednesday night, January 5 at 7:15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, J. L. Williams and the Invocation was given by Marvin Britton.

Following was a report of the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report.

President Williams informed us of the Christmas decorations at the Scottish Rite Temple in New Bern with a great deal of admiration. He then gave an interesting and informative talk on the "Bagpipe."

Ben Hopkins expressed the thanks of Mrs. Joe Robertson for the gift of money the Club presented her.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Our next meeting will be at Your Restaurant in Robersonville at 7:15, February 2.

There were 18 members present.

J. L. Williams, President
Robert E. Andrews, Vice-President
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We have found that a great many people who feel that they are getting a bad "break" out of life, expect some one else to do something about it. There is no question but what bad luck sometimes does seem to "dog" a person. However, we wonder if in most cases the unhappiness of these people isn't due to their thinking that happiness is something they have coming rather than something to be pursued and to be achieved under the Golden Rule or the Law of Compensation.

It has been said that if we think small, mean thoughts, we are apt to live small; mean lives, and that if we think big, positive or creative thoughts we will be blessed accordingly with full and happy life.

There are countless examples of people who have suffered great tragedies in their lives who have found that by helping others to make them happy, they in turn have found happiness for themselves.

If each of us each day would say to someone, "What can I do to help you today?" without wondering whether or not our action or help would "pay off' to ourselves, then we would soon find satisfaction and happiness coming to us. By making others happy we accomplish happiness for ourselves. When we think of self alone we defeat our purposes and despite our "material" successes we lack that something which we receive from having given "service to others."

## Kindness

Drop a pebble in the water
And its ripples reach out far,
And the sunbeams dancing on them
May reflect them to a Star.
Give a smile to someone passing,
Thereby make their morning glad;
It may meet you in the evening
When your own heart may be sad.
Do a deed of simple kindness,
Though its end you may not see,
It may reach, like widening ripples,
Down a long eternity.

## THE SCOTTISH RITE MASON

To become truly a Scottish Rite Mason is a challenge to the best qualities to be found in any man.

His private life, his every day actions, his business contacts and his general associations are affected by the truths he has learned and the human understanding he has gained through his experience in the Scottish Rite. It can not be otherwise for one who has taken the teaching of the Scottish Rite seriously.

The experience and understanding he has acquired through his membership in the Rite clothes him with a power of thought that influences his daily endeavor. It makes him a constructive example for the good of the neighborhood and community in which he lives and conducts his labors.

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# WHAT IS THE ALMONER OF THE SCOTTISH RITE?

The Almoner is an officer of the Scottish Rite Bodies who is elected by the brethren.

His duty is to dispense the charities of the Bodies by assisting the widow and orphan, the destitute and physically handicapped regardless of race, creed or color. The recipient is never aware of the source of aid, for charity is not measured by the size of the gift and can easily be cheapened by boasting of its source. A thoughtful deed and a kind word are sincere expressions of fellowship, understanding and tolerance and must be given with humility and patience, for realizing our own shortcomings, we must not magnify the faults of others to the point that we are blinded to their virtues.

Your Almoner likes to feel that the various expenditures are an investment made to rehabilitate a home by giving the family a better feeling of security, knowing that someone cares enough to give of their time and money to help lift their worries. Administering to their needs in a time of difficulty will give them new spiritual strength, aid them in becoming self-supporting and revive their faith in our great country. This, my Brethren, gives credence to that great tenet of Masonry — Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Maintaining the Almoner's Fund is a duty of each member of the Scottish Rite. The emphasis is on each, for when attending meetings, no brother is expected to leave without making his contribution. If he is present at the meetings, he will hear the injunction regarding it, which is in no way embarrassing to him. If a Brother is unable to attend the regular meetings, he should not withhold his contributions but send it along with his annual payment of dues.

Many Brethren, unable to attend meetings, some perhaps, reside in other communities, have not overlooked this important Masonic Duty including his contribution to the Almoner when he pays his dues.

**DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF THE PROSPECT WHOSE PETITION YOU WERE GOING TO GET? DELAY IS COSTLY? WHY NOT APPROACH HIM AT ONCE?**

# FREEMASONRY

There has never been an institution in the history of the human race so generally misunderstood and so variously interpreted as Freemasonry and a further fact that there is no known institution in existence today that can trace its origins as far back into antiquity — or has had its influence felt among as many different races of people as Freemasonry.

Notwithstanding its influence and its old age, the question is continually asked, "What is Freemasonry?"

We see in Freemasonry a great world-wide Building Association which teaches the principles of character building.

Freemasonry teaches the science of life, the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man, by signs, symbols and ceremonies, having for its purpose, the perfection and happiness of the individual.

Masonry as a select group of men, must help lead the way to end the effects of the troubled world and make it a better and safer place to live.

This should be a time of understanding of our duty to God, to our neighbor and ourselves . . . To God . . . That of love, cooperation and obedience to His law . . . To our neighbor . . . by being kind, and just . . . To ourselves . . . by seeking the truth in whatever way we may rightfully choose.

—B. Tate Dawkins, PGM

# Have You Asked New Residents to Affiliate?

This is to remind our members that the present is a very good time to ask that Scottish Rite Mason away from his home Valley to affiliate with our Bodies and thus become an active working Scottish Rite Mason again. It is a pleasure to have these brethren as visitors, and the welcome mat is always out to them, but they will be happier and so will we if they affiliate with our Bodies so that we can make use of their services in committee work, signers on petitions or voting on them and so on. As a practical matter, his home Bodies seem to be getting along without him, except for his annual dues, and our Bodies are enjoying his association, but without the privilege of active membership with us. Brethren ask your neighbor and friend to affiliate with us.

# LET'S OPEN THE DOOR

We all know how much Scottish Rite can come to mean to a brother Mason who has for one reason or another not gone beyond the Third Degree.

The door to Scottish Rite is not locked but it may need to be swung open by you so that a Blue Lodge brother can pass through.

When he does he will benefit through the philosophical teachings of the Rite

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and he will increase his circle of friends to include men who have a common background of reverence for the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

It is our responsibility and privilege to see that qualified Master Masons are invited to petition for membership in Scottish Rite. It is important that we constantly revitalize our organization with new young blood to meet the challenges of these times.

## THE ALMONER'S FUND

**"If thy brother be waxen poor and hand fail with thee—thou shalt relieve him"**

At each meeting of the Scottish Rite Bodies, the basket of fraternal assistance is passed, so that the Brethren may have an opportunity to participate in replenishing the Almoner's Fund. This fund, which is disbursed under the direction of the Almoner, may be used for any worthy cause — it may be clothes for the widow, food for the hungry, shoes for the unfortunate children, medical care for the aged. This fund is maintained by voluntary contributions and has made many a heart grateful in time of need. Every worthy case is considered.

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# In Memoriam

*Our memories are precious gifts.*
*To treasure through the years,*
*To comfort us when days are dark,*
*And eyes are dimmed with tears,*
*Without them we'd be desolate.*
*When loved ones slip away.*
*Possessing them our hearts re-live,*
*And so — when separation comes,*
*To bring us bitter loss,*
*Our memories are precious gifts,*
*To help bear the cross.*

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## Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

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*New Bern Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix*
*New Bern Council of Knights of Kadosh*
*New Bern Consistory*

(City or Town) Date: ..... 19.....

BRETHERN:

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason in good standing in .....

Lodge No. ....., located at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand
(Give City and State)

Lodge of ....., and have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the ....., inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

**Print Name in Full—Do Not Use Initials**

| Print First Name | Print Middle Name | Print Last Name |
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Mailing Address ..... Zip Code .....

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Amount of fee accompanying petition, $ .....
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Sign .....
(Signature—Full name, no initials)

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